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1. The following observations were made at Oranienburg airfield: On 22 March 1955, it was learned that the target date for the completion of reconditioning work in the buildings adjacent to the hangar was moved back from 5 April 1955 to 29 March. The western adjacent building had 9 rooms each in the basement and the ground floor, the former measuring each 7 x 3,6 x 3,5 meters and the latter 7 x 3,6 x 3,25 meters. The eastern adjacent building housed 4 work shops and 3 garage partitions in the ground floor and 2 smaller and 3 larger rooms on the first floor. The hangar proper had a width of 110 meters and on the southern side was fitted with 50 folding doors, each of them 2 meters wide. On 22 March, a twin-engine monoplane landed. About 15 officers in air force uniforms got out of the aircraft.

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2. The following observations were made in the Weisse Stadt restricted area: Beginning at 0600 on 24 March, new Soviet soldiers arrived. Until noon, an estimated 300 men with black-bordered blue and crimson epaulets were observed. During the same period, about 60 trucks and 4 AA guns arrived. The guns were immediately parked in garage No 50. The new personnel were quartered in building No 8. Building No 43 was to serve as transient billets for air force officers. The personnel of Unit Koslov that had temporarily transferred to building No 29, retransferred to building No 2 which had been reconditioned. The three-story building at the corner of Friedrich Strasse/Hasenheide which formerly had been occupied by the post commander and his deputy was scheduled to be reconditioned by 29 March and was to serve as quarters for an air force general. The completion of work on the building according to schedule was celebrated on 23 March. During March, small groups of army personnel left the restricted area. During the daytime, individual newly painted trucks loaded with baggage and billeting equipment left. The engineer unit which was quartered in building No 7 was still present and had no changes in its personnel strength. At about 1030 on 24 March, this unit had an alert. The personnel of the unit wearing steel helmets and carrying rifles and packs were seen proceeding to garage No 45 where the trucks with pontoons were parked.

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On the morning of the same day, it was observed that Unit Zuyev, the personnel of which are red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia and which was quartered in building No 11 prepared for departure. Throughout the morning trucks were loaded with billeting equipment and baggage. It was assumed that this unit left the restricted area during the night of 24/25 March. ²

3. During the period from 19 to 30 March, there was air activity at Oranienburg airfield on 22, 29 and 30 March. On these days take-offs and landings were practiced by 6 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14. ¹ 25X1

4. At 1230 on 25 March, 4 express train coaches and 6 to 10 boxcars were seen on the spur track at the field. About 50 women with children and baggage were seen nearby. At 1315, a train without locomotive was seen at Oranienburg railroads station. Eight to 10 tank trucks, 10 repair shop trucks and 2 trucks were loaded. [redacted] Personnel 25X1
escorting the train wore black-bordered blue epaulets. At 2310, a rail shipment had just arrived. Four coaches and several boxcars were seen on the spur track at the field. At 1015 on 26 March, the cars were still seen on the spur track. At about 1430 on 28 March, 25 to 30 railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track. A large number of crates, about 150 x 60 x 50 cm, were piled up between the spur track and the track leading to the loading ramp. The crates were being loaded on 4 trucks. At about 1115, on 29 March, the railroad tank cars had been removed. Four ~~track-truck~~ tank trucks were seen between the tracks. At 1215 on 30 March, 8 to 10 railroad cars with troops were seen at the field. One boxcar and 1 flatcar which apparently were being unloaded were seen at the loading ramp. ²

5. Motor vehicles seen between 22 and 29 March included truck [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] sedan [redacted] and tank truck [redacted] 25X1
All of them had drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets [redacted]

6. On 29 March, 3 radio trucks each of them with a mast about 10 meters high were parked south of the runway. A truck with a mast about 5 meters high fitted with a white ball, about 30 cm in diameter, was seen nearby. ⁴

1. [redacted] Comment. At present, Oranienburg airfield is, only occupied by a few Po-2s and 1 Yak-14. The change of the completion date for reconditioning [redacted] the buildings adjacent to the hangar to an earlier date and the [redacted] force officers are believed to be indications ~~for an occupation~~ on of the field by a flying unit. 25X1 ILLEGIB

2. [redacted] Previous observations made in the Weisse Stadt restricted area indicated the reoccupation of the quartering buildings. The observed shipments were reported previously and are confirmed. On 15 and 18 March, shipments with equipment had arrived. [redacted] The fuel dump has definitely been stocked. 25X1

3. [redacted]
4. [redacted] Comment. The radio trucks were observed for the first time after a prolonged period.

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